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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Numbering Resource Optimization; Implementation of the Local

Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996:

Telephone Number Portability; CC Docket Nos. 99-200.96-98.95-116

Dear Ms. Dortch

Philip Verveer and I, on behalf of **j2** Global Communications, Inc. **("j2** Global"), met today with Christopher Libertelli, legal advisor to Chairman Powell. We discussed **j2** Global's pending petition for reconsideration of the Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in the above-captioned docket. We explained that **j2** Global's services should not be segregated into separate technology-specific area codes ("SO") and that if states were permitted to do so, competition for unified communications services would be harmed. In particular, we explained that the Commission's decision to include **j2** Global's services in a SO, was based on the mistaken belief that such services are not geographically sensitive.

In addition, we discussed **j2** Global's opposition to the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control's request to adopt a *SO* for unified messaging as well as the request by the California Public Utilities Commission to do the same. We explained that these requests are too vague, and that "unified messaging" is not a definable category upon which a SO could be based.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, I am submitting two copies of this letter.

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cc: Chris Libertelli